

Release Date: February 9, 2006

**NEW COMMAND AND CONTROL RANCH HOUSE SIMULATION NOW AVAILABLE ON U.S.  
FIRE ADMINISTRATION'S VIRTUAL CAMPUS**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Deputy United States Fire Administrator Charlie Dickinson announced today a new command and control, online simulation for emergency responders involving a typical single-family dwelling. The Q324 Ranch House interactive simulation involves a scenario depicting a single-story, single-family dwelling and presents the student with a "room-and-contents" fire and basic rescue problems. Upon successful completion of this online simulation course, the user will be able to recognize the cues and problems associated with this type of incident. Course objectives are the rescue and safe removal of occupants. National Fire Academy/United States Fire Administration certification will be granted upon successful completion of the course evaluations.

The course can be found on USFA's Virtual Campus at [www.training.fema.gov](http://www.training.fema.gov). The USFA has many other training programs, both online and classroom-based, that are designed to assist emergency responders in becoming better prepared for all types of emergencies. Information on these training programs and other USFA initiatives and publications can be found at [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).